

MILLIONS DAMAGE BY FROST

WHOLE OF THE MIDDLE WEST STRUCK BY A BLIGHT.

Fruit and berry crops destroyed in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfound Land.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—The Government weather observer at St. Louis delayed his report until 10 o'clock this evening when he predicted fair and slightly warmer weather here Monday and fair and warmer Tuesday.

He reports that the temperature dropped to 25 degrees in St. Louis between 6 and 7 and 10 and 11 o'clock this morning, the lowest ever recorded here at this season. Unofficial reports are that all fruits and vegetables in the vicinity of St. Louis were entirely destroyed and wheat badly damaged.

Special despatches to-night show that the extent of the damage exceeds last night's alarming estimates. There will be practically no fruit crop in the middle West.

Frost which covered a vast area in the middle West last night nipped all budding fruits and flowers, injured vegetables and many shade trees, the leaves of which are drooping. Nurserymen express little hope for the great orchards, where trees were kept burning.

To-day the storm area was extended to Louisiana's northern boundary. This was the coldest day in fifty years in Pine Bluff, Ark., the thermometer there dropping to 40 degrees to-night and growing colder. Sleet and snow began falling there at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

It snowed heavily all day throughout northern and central Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, western Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana and continues to-night in those States. It is growing colder in western Kentucky and Tennessee, taking away hopes for fruits.

Ten inches of snow fell in the lower Ohio Valley from 10 o'clock last night to 3 o'clock this morning, turning to sleet and rain, leaving a foot long and ten inches of snow reported at Louisville. Frost last night will be followed by heavier frost to-night at Paducah, Ky., and other points along the Ohio River, injuring much wheat which has begun to head in bottom lands.

The damage to trees as far south as Tennessee is the greatest ever known. Indications point to frost to-night in Oklahoma, where snow prevailed all last night and to-day.

The Springfield, Mo., weather bureau predicts freezing weather to-night throughout the great Ozark Mountain fruit region of southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas.

"The apple crop in this section is a total loss," said Dr. A. J. Borrell of the University of Illinois at Champaign to-night. "Yesterday I thought the abandonment of the crop would mean that half would be saved. After a tour I am compelled to revise my views."

"We have had frost since late before, but the early vegetation caused the great damage, growing at least three weeks ahead of any previous time in my knowledge. As a result the freeze caught it at the worst time. All the small fruits seem to have perished now. The orchard owners have had fire, but they have been fruitless. Prof. Blair and other university men in southern Illinois send word that they are fighting hard with smudges, but their reports bring little hope. I greatly fear that the Illinois fruit crop is practically destroyed."

Memphis, Tenn., reports a heavy fall of snow there at intervals throughout the day with temperature within a fraction of a degree of the freezing point. Frost for the fruit crop in that region. Sleet and snow are reported in northern Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky. As more cotton is above ground than ever before at this season of the year the damage to the tender young plant is expected to be tremendous.

Astronomer I. R. Hicks of St. Louis says Bailey's comet's arrival gave us a warning. The comet was too far away to affect our weather.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24.—The cold wave of the last three days, which culminated last night in freezing weather, is believed to have completed the destruction of the small fruits throughout the State and to have done incalculable damage to all vegetation.

When the sun came out this morning grape vines looked as if they had been scorched, early flowers were killed and all small fruits were blighted beyond hope. For three days the temperature had been hovering around the freezing point and it only needed the blasts of wind to complete the destruction.

The cold weather was general over the State and reports to-night show that the part escaped damage. Fruit growers tried to save the blossoms and hundreds of them burned straw under trees and resorted to other expedients, but their efforts were vain.

The grapes, with seasonable weather, without out other bloom, but the crop was reduced to one-third or one-fourth of the normal, while cherries, peaches, apples, plums, strawberries and other fruits are generally killed. Hundreds of gardens planted in March will be replanted.

The fruit crops in normal years in Indiana are estimated to be worth about \$10,000,000, and it is safe to say that the loss will be fully \$5,000,000 this year. This may be increased by the damage to young trees where the blossoms have been killed.

JOSEPH, Mich., April 24. Late reports from nearly every part of the fruit belt of southwestern Michigan show that the crop is ruined. The freezing temperature of Friday night continued all day Saturday.

Today a drizzling rain has prevailed. There is a faint hope that if the temperature does not rise too high within the next few days and cloudy skies prevail a small percentage of the buds will give off a frost and survive. Ninety per cent. of the grape yield is lost, and the same is

ALUMNAE OUT IN OPPOSITION

TWO TICKETS NOW BEFORE NORMAL COLLEGE GRADUATES.

The Independent Strike Two Names From the Regular Ticket They Want to Call the School "College for Women."

What the new name of the Normal College should be whether Hunter College of the City of New York or the New York City College for Women, will be the issue on election day for the Associate Alumnae. The election day is May 21.

An independent ticket for officers and directors has been named, in accordance with the constitution, thirty days before the election. The independents, headed by Katherine Devereux Blake, favor "New York City College for Women" and the regulars are for "Hunter College."

The independents say that the regular ticket has too many faculty people on it and that the interests of harmony demand that women who never have taken part in factional strife should be put in nomination. Therefore Miss Blake, daughter of Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, and her associates, Millicent Baum, Matilde B. Lemlein, Katherine Bevier, Louise C. Pettigill, Gertrude C. Loeberger, Helen A. Stern, Anna Short, Helen A. Kellogg and Sallie K. Glauber, got out this statement, along with their ticket:

"We, the undersigned members of the Associate Alumnae of the Normal College, feel that the ticket to be presented to the alumnae at the coming election should be one that would be untrammelled by any direct connection with the college faculty, one that would offer women of standing who have earned their place in the community at large by broad-minded work and hold a loyalty to the alma mater that equipped them for that work and who in the past have not taken a partisan position in any of the dissensions that have at times rent the association. We offer this independent ticket to the votes of our sisters with hesitancy, with regret, because in the interest of harmony in the future we have been obliged to cross from the regular ticket the names of many whom we love and esteem, but we feel that at this time in the history of the college it is important to draw actively into the association able members who will bring a new view to the council. In every case that we have replaced a name on the regular ticket we have done so by naming a woman who has never taken part in any factional dispute and who has won a high place in our own special field. We are happy in our success in having secured candidates for whom we feel that every alumna will be proud to vote."

There are five differences between the list of officers on the two tickets. The regular ticket has for president Mrs. S. J. Kramer, while the independents propose Miss Catalina V. Paer. For first and second vice-presidents the regulars name Miss J. McPherson and Mrs. W. C. Popper, respectively, and the independents name Mary V. Riblet and Miss Amelia J. Burr. Both tickets have Mrs. Louis Marshall for third vice-president. The independents name Miss F. Adelaide Haight for corresponding secretary and Mrs. Lillian Noble for her assistant. To these the regulars oppose Miss Jane Carter and Miss May A. Morris. Mrs. A. Stewart Holt for treasurer, Miss Marie Kallman for assistant treasurer, Miss Jean Wood for recording secretary and Mrs. Graf for assistant recording secretary are on both lists.

There are seventeen directors' places to be filled. Of these twelve are the same on both tickets. They are Miss Clara American, Mrs. C. B. Fitzmaurice, Prof. Helen Gray Cone, Miss Anna Hunter, Miss Mary Davis, Miss Evelyn, Miss Emma Johnson, Miss A. McDonough, Miss Jean Seligman, Mrs. G. W. Seligman, Miss Helen Stein and Mrs. A. L. Gutman. The other five regulars are Dr. Emily I. Conant, Prof. Anna E. Dickinson, Miss Jeanette Long, Mrs. John Nip and Mrs. S. P. Nier. The independents want instead of these five Mrs. Edward O. Tuttle, Mrs. L. J. Finch, Miss Rahella Kall, Miss C. F. White and Miss Laura Chaffin.

Miss Grace Beach, who has been president of the association for the last two terms, said last night that the independents were in a minority, but that they wanted the regulars to yield to them none the less. "They complain that there are too many faculty people on the regular ticket," said Miss Beach. "On our list there are Prof. Cone and Prof. Dickinson of the faculty, and they have improved Prof. Cone's name."

Miss McKelvey, a member of the faculty of the training school and Miss Carter is connected with the high school, but they haven't anything to do with the college faculty.

"The independents' idea of harmony is to have the majority yield to them. They have tried to block all our work. They talk of ending discussion by putting up a separate ticket. We expect to win at the election and then we will devote the time until the autumn to missionary work, so that the trustees of the college may be brought around to our way of thinking. There is no issue other than that of the name of the college."

It is understood that the regulars have consulted a lawyer as to the status of the independent ticket, and one of the regulars who knew about this said last night that there was a great likelihood that the independent ticket would be withdrawn before the election. The independents think, however, that they have complied with all requirements and they will devote the time from now until May 21 in campaigning for their folks.

BOTH DUELLISTS KILLED.

Handsome Fight on Horseback With Rifle and Revolver.

ASTORIA, Tex., April 24.—Word was received here to-day of a duel to the death that was fought on Kelly's ranch near Newman Lake yesterday between Emmett Newman and R. M. Gatlin, two of the wealthiest stockmen in that section of Texas. Their ranches adjoin. Newman was a rifle and Gatlin a six shooter. A cowboy witnessed the duel. Newman was shot through the head and fell dead from the wound. Gatlin was shot three times through the body and died last night.

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OHIOANS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Conference on Legislation Vigor Urged by Mr. Taft, Who Is a Regular.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—President Taft discussed the general executive situation to-night with the Ohio members of the House and impressed on them his special interest in their bills, the postal savings bill and the anti-injunction bill.

No definite programme of action for the Ohioans was mapped out, but the President required the delegation to assist in every way possible in expediting action on the measures in question. The Ohio members told him that they were with him to a man in everything in which he is interested.

The President believes that the railroad bill will be passed by the House within a week or ten days. It is possible then that the situation with respect to the postal savings bill will be such that the Ohio delegation will take the form he desires and a Republican caucus on that measure. No definite decision on that point was reached to-night, however.

The Ohioans were made to understand that the President believes that the outlook for his legislation is favorable. He is not altogether pleased with the course the insurgents are taking in the fight now being made on the railroad bill in the Senate, but he has been informed that the Senate will pass the bill in substantially the form he desires and a Republican caucus on that measure. No definite decision on that point was reached to-night, however.

All the Republican members from Ohio were present at the conference except Taylor, Cole and Kennedy, who are absent on their homes looking after their fengs.

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APATHETIC FRENCH ELECTION

HEAVY POLL IN PARIS, BUT LITTLE SIGN OF INTEREST.

No Remite Known Yet—26 Candidates for One Seat in Avignon—Few Votes for Suffragette Planners—Follies Votes Unrecognized—Mayor Shot.

PARIS, April 24.—The polling for members of the Chamber of Deputies throughout France and the colonies was marked almost universally to-day by the same calm indifference which was characteristic of the campaign. Nothing reliable has yet been made public to indicate the result.

It seems, however, that Premier Briand was reelected at St. Chamond by a large majority. Ex-Minister Deland, the Academician Barre and the Socialist Guede are among the other prominent candidates who are reported to have been elected. M. Millerand, Minister of Public Works, must be reelected.

In illustration of the extraordinary number of candidates it may be stated that several seats each had ten aspirants, while some had more. Avignon made a record with forty-eight candidates for one seat.

Paris, notwithstanding its outward calm, seems, more voters to the polls that it did in 1906, when political passion was higher. President Fallieres took his place in a line of waiting electors at the mairie of the eighth ward. He was not recognized by his fellow citizens. It was not until his voting ticket was dropped into the ballot urn and the presiding officer, in accordance with custom, shouted: "Citizen Armand Fallieres has voted!" that the people realized that the stout, white bearded man leaving the polling booth was the President of the French Republic. Then several took off their hats and respectfully greeted him.

Curiosity regarding the vote polled by the women candidates cannot yet be gratified, but it is stated by a protagonist that Mme. Durand received only thirty-four votes in the Montmartre district. Her candidature has not yet been legalized. The Prefect of the Seine ruled against a woman's right to contest a parliamentary seat, but Mme. Durand appealed to the Council of State, so the Prefect directed the polling secretaries to record the votes given her without prejudice to the ultimate decision.

At Claville, in the Cognac district, the Mayor, who was presiding at the election, was shot with a revolver and fatally wounded by a voter as he handed in his ballot paper. It is believed the shooting was due to a private quarrel.

LOCKED UP HIS OWN SON.

Unpleasant Position in Which Police Lieutenant Blaney Found Himself.

Lieut. Edmund Blaney, sitting at the desk in the Atlantic avenue police station, Brooklyn, proved himself a Spartanlike father yesterday when he caused his own son to be locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Lieut. William J. Eggers, well known as the head of the old vice squad raiders in Manhattan several years ago, and now attached to the Atlantic avenue station, was out on patrol yesterday morning when he saw two men in a street brawl at Fulton street and Brooklyn avenue. They resisted his efforts to part them and one of the men told him he was a police lieutenant's son "and couldn't be arrested." Eggers grabbed the men and took them to the station house.

The face of Lieut. Blaney, many years a policeman and with a good record, blanched when he saw the prisoners hauled before him.

"Disorderly conduct," said Lieut. Eggers. Representing his emotions the desk lieutenant took the prisoners' petition with the customary questions, and then was elected a delegate at large to the Presbyterian General Assembly to be held at Edinburgh, Scotland, in June. He was also made a delegate from the Nebraska Synod of which Lincoln is a part.

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SCHIFF DONATES A LIBRARY.

\$25,000 for Legal Works for American Institute in Berlin University.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. BERLIN, April 24.—Information has reached here that Jacob Schiff, the New York banker, has donated \$25,000 to provide an American library, chiefly of legal works, for the projected American Institute in connection with the Berlin University.

The organization of the institute will be taken in hand by Prof. Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard University when he arrives here in the fall to take up his duties as exchange professor at the university.

WILL MEASURE HATPINS.

Indianapolis Police to Be Provided With Rules in Enforcing Ordinance.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24.—The difficulty of enforcing the hatpin ordinance, which fixes a fine for wearing a pin that protrudes half an inch or more beyond the brim of the hat, has been solved by Mayor Shook and Police Superintendent Hylard. The police are to be provided with measures about two inches long and marked in inches, halves, quarters and eighths, so that the exact length of the protruding, and may be determined when an arrest is made.

Where an officer believes that the ordinance is being violated he will take the exact measurement so that the fact may be established in court.

BOAT DISABLED IN GALE.

Fearful That Tug With Twelve Men Aboard Is Lost.

HOLLAND, Mich., April 24.—In the gale which swept Lake Michigan yesterday and to-day the tug Zenith, having in tow an oil barge, was disabled about seven miles off Holland harbor and left at the mercy of the sea.

The oil barge, a steel craft about 200 feet long, broke away and was sighted by the Holland life saving crew. Capt. Van Weelden ordered out the surf boat and made for the barge, rescuing Capt. Knox, the only man aboard.

Nothing has been heard or seen of the Zenith and it is feared that the boat with her crew of twelve men may have perished. The barge has been anchored about seven miles from the harbor and the sea is so shallow an effort will be made to bring her to shore.

DROWNED WHILE CANOEING.

Young Man From Toronto Loses His Life in the Hackensack.

HACKENSACK, N. J., April 24.—The first boating accident of the spring on the Hackensack River occurred to-day when Alexander Sinclair, aged 18, of Toronto, Canada, was drowned near Bogota while out canoeing. The young man lost control of the canoe in a gust of wind and it upset. Sinclair was within fifty feet of the bank, but he made an effort to recover the canoe. He was seized with cramps and disappeared.

Sinclair was employed in Cape's grocery at Bogota, having come there ten days ago. The body was recovered.

FORMER TELLER MISSING.

Mrs. Robert Frampton Asks the Police to Find Her Husband.

Mrs. Robert Frampton, who lives with her four sons and two daughters at 208 West 134th street, told the police yesterday that her husband had been missing from home since Saturday, April 16. He was formerly paying teller of the Maiden Lane Safe Deposit Company.

A year ago, when the force was reduced, he was let go with six months salary, since he had been there several years.

The Framptons came here from England twenty years ago. Mr. Frampton had got no work in the last year. He is 52 years old.

WIND WRECKS AIRPLANE.

Graham White's Machine Tipped Over as It Lay in a Field at Litchfield.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, April 24.—The aeroplane of Graham White, who reached Litchfield yesterday in his attempt to win the Daily Mail prize of \$50,000 for a flight from London to Manchester, has blown over in a furious squall, the field where it was lying at Litchfield and the machine was badly damaged.

It will be impossible to use it until repairs are effected. This will take two or three days at least.

AUTO ARREST "SENSELESS."

So Says the Judge in Discharging Miss Carrie Van Brunt.

Miss Carrie Van Brunt, of 181 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, who was arrested at South Ferry on Saturday evening when her automobile ran over Miss May Gillway of Rosebank, Staten Island, was discharged by Magistrate Cornell in the Tombs court yesterday.

Miss Gillway having refused to make a complaint was not in court, and in dismissing the case the Magistrate told Police Commissioner Roth what he thought of the new order from Headquarters which required the arrest.

"I am not criticising you, officer," said the Magistrate. "You acted under orders. But there never should have been an arrest in this case. It was obviously an accident with only trivial results. The arrest was absolutely senseless."

AIRSHIPS WINDBOUND.

The Gross Shipped by Train to Cologne—Parasol Driven to Earth.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. BERLIN, April 25.—It was mistakenly reported that the three dirigible balloons Zeppelin II, Gross I, and Parosval II, which sailed in company from Cologne to Hamburg, had started on their return on Friday night. It was decided, in consequence of a strong wind, to spend the night at anchor at Hamburg.

The military balloon corps had an anxious night controlling the swaying monsters in the squalls of hail and sleet. The Gross, which needed repairs, was evidenced by its trouble in landing at Hamburg, was deflated and packed on Saturday morning and sent to Cologne by train.

The wind changed in the course of the day and the Parosval started at 7 P. M. It had a cold but successful night voyage, arriving at Cologne early this morning. The Zeppelin did not start until 8 o'clock Sunday morning, and after a luckless struggle with the wind made a compulsory landing half way to Cologne.

BARNS SEEM SHUT, SOME ARE

GREAT SHOW OF OBEYING THE SUNDAY LAW.

Reynolds Sees Little to Shy At in a 60 Mile Tour of Brooklyn—Manhattan East Siders Are Defiant—Those 200 Extra Neat Police Fail to Appear.

If you saw a man standing quietly in front of a saloon yesterday who looked you over from head to foot as you came up the street the chances are that he was a retail liquor dealer taking a day off. If he knew you and you asked him what time it was he might invite you in to see what the boys were doing. Otherwise it was a bad case of drought.

Fewer reports are expected to be made to the District Attorneys this morning than on previous Mondays since Mayor Gaynor's views as to the liquor traffic were set forth. In precincts where the affidavits were thickest a week ago only two or three were drawn up yesterday, perhaps because the externals were better taken care of.

There were few bars in the city that weren't open to view. Saloon keepers moved the boothlike stands and took out what colored glass they could from their windows to show the absence of traffic over the bars. Deputy Police Commissioner Louis H. Reynolds of Brooklyn said that he took a sixty mile trip in an automobile through Kings and Queens yesterday and saw but one or two bars that weren't exposed. The same conditions prevailed in the other boroughs.

The side door business for the most part was carried on under careful supervision, in many cases of the proprietor himself. Either he or a trusted man stood outside and let only those slip in who were known to be of the elect. In many cases chains were hung to doors which had swung unhampered for years until the Gaynor flat went into effect. A man in the upper West Side hauled his hardware dealer out of bed an hour before dawn yesterday morning to supply himself with a chain. He didn't dare to start the day's business without it. His bartender, like a thousand others, opened the door an inch and took a peek before he dared to take a chance on admitting a knocker.

Sometimes a whistle or a preconceived system of raps was the identification. The bootblack with a mop and a pad would slip the catch and if you looked familiar in you went.

There were other places where things weren't so formal. If you had a trembling hand or a heavy look or even a general appearance of guilelessness you were taken to be a satisfactory customer and could order as you pleased, sometimes without the weary anticlimax.

In the Tenderloin the situation was about what it was a week ago. The big hotels, as usual, had their bars closed and served the dining room guests from their service bars. The Victoria, which used to have its leather room open on Sundays, closed it again yesterday for the second time in fifteen years. The Marlborough used to have a room for Sunday patrons near the bar, but that was shut up tight yesterday.

Everybody was on the lookout for the squad of 200 young policemen who were supposed to be out for violators of the excise law. But the gist of affidavits didn't reveal their activities. A man who knew said that they hadn't been chosen as special excise officers at all—that they were going to make up a special battalion for the police parade. Nevertheless their moral effect was seen all over town.

The part of the town that seemed to be